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REGION VIII

1860 LINCOLN STREET

DENVER, COLORADO 80203

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U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY/STATE OF UTAH

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN NPDES PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE IS TO STATE EPA'S INTENTION TO ISSUE AN AMENDMENT TO A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) DISCHARGE PERMIT WHICH WAS ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 402 OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT AS AMENDED IN 1972 (FWPCAA).

## PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME:

AMERICAN GILSONITE COMPANY

BONANZA MINES

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NPDES PERMIT NUMBER:

UT 0000167

A public notice (Number UT-76-R3) of EPA's intention to issue this permit was widely distributed on May 21, 1976.

Public comments and participation were invited and encouraged prior to June 21, 1976, and additional information was made available.

Final determinations were made, and on July 8, 1976, the Director, Enforcement Division, EPA, issued NPDES Discharge Permit (Number UT 0000167) to the applicant.

## EPA/STATE TENTATIVE DETERMINAITONS

Tentative determinations have been made by the EPA staff in cooperation with the State of Utah relative to the proposed amendment to be issued to the above-mentioned facility.

The amendment consists of changing the location of Outfall 005 and the addition of six new discharge outfall points. The source of the water in the new discharges is the same as the existing ones, consisting of mine water. The discharges will flow to unnamed tributaries to Coyote Wash. Also the Total Dissolved Solids limitation has been raised to 4,500 mg/l. This limitation is being raised to reflect an increase in TDS levels of the water encountered in the mining operation. Since this discharge is to a tributary enforcement of the Colorado River Basin, the Colorado River Basin Salinity Policy will be applied.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited anytime prior to June 20, 1977. Comments may be directed to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Enforcement Division, Permits Administration and Compliance Branch, 1860 Lincoln Street, Denver, Colorado 80295. All comments received prior to June 20, 1977, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits.

If no objections are received within the specified thirty-day period, the Regional Administrator, EPA, will issue final determinations within sixty days of the date of this notice. A public hearing will be held if response to this notice indicates significant public interest.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling 303+837-4901, or by writing the aforementioned address.

The complete application, issued permit, permittee's request for amendment of the permit and related documents are available for review and reproduction at the aforementioned address.

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